



THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS AND THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, REPRESENTED BY THE INSTITUTE OF MEXICANS ABROAD ('IME' IN ITS SPANISH LANGUAGE ACRONYM), IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION OF FREE TEXT BOOKS ('CONALITEG' IN ITS SPANISH LANGUAGE ACRONYM)

P R E S E N T

**THE BOOKS IN SPANISH PROGRAM FOR  
CHILDREN OF MEXICAN ORIGIN  
IN THE UNITED STATES 2008**

WITH THE GOAL OF CONTRIBUTING TO BILINGUAL AND MIGRANT EDUCATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES

**OBJECTIVES**

- To ensure that the Spanish language books be used as supportive educational material to Spanish speaking students.
- To strengthen the identity of children and young adults of Mexican origin or citizenship living in the United States
- To contribute to the teaching of Spanish as a second language

**WHAT KIND OF BOOKS ARE THESE?**

The assortment of books available include both textbooks and children's fiction books

- **Text Books.** Textbooks in Spanish are used to promote the personal and educational development of the students. The books contain activities that incorporate and build off the previous experience and knowledge of the students.
- **Children's Fiction Books** are targeted at elementary and middle school children and young people. The children's fiction books provide a variety of recreational opportunities that include popular science, themes of general interest, stories, poems, theater and plays. They also provide an opportunity for students to be introduced to literary works in Spanish.

## **HOW CAN WE OBTAIN THESE BOOKS?**

These books can only be obtained by educational agencies such as schools, schools districts, public libraries and community centers. The agencies should meet the following prerequisites:

### **PRE-REQUISITES**

- The institution/organization must serve children and young adults of Mexican descent or citizenship, as well as the general Spanish speaking population
- The institution/organization must be willing to pay for the shipping cost of the books from the Mexico-U.S. border to the final destination in the United States.
- The institution/organization must have a written explanation detailing the use of the books, specifying who they are intended on helping (making sure to indicate what percentage of the total population are Mexican/Mexican American children), and including the contact information of the institution/organization/etc.
- This outline of intended purposes for the books must, be submitted to the closest Mexican Consulate.

### **DEADLINE**

The outline of activities/request for books must be sent to the closest Mexican Consulate in the United States **by June 30th**, 2008.

**EVEN IF YOU ARE FAR AWAY...WE ARE STILL BESIDE YOU**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL MEXICAN CONSULATE**